has given a 'stay order' on the impiementaiton of the said provision, during 2007-08. The matter is listed for hearing on the 8th May, 2007.

(b) and (c) An amount of Rs. 2698.00 crores has been provided in the budget estimates of the Ministry of Human Resource Development for the year 2007-08 fro the expansion of the capacity as per provisions in the Central Educational Institutions (Reservation in Admisison) Act, 2006.

Expansion of vocational education/training

†2906. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a need for expansion of vocational education/training after impiementaiton of the new industrial and economic reforms policy in the country;

(b) If so, the total number of vocational education training institutes functioning in the country during the current academic year, and the intake capacity of such institutes, for providing training; and

(c) whether a need for reforming the current system is being felt, if so, the reaction of Govemment thereto and the fresh steps being contemplated for improvement in the said sector in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Under the scheme of Vocationalisation of secondary Education 9500 Schools have been approved for conducting 21000 Vocational Sections with an enrolment capacity of 10 lakh students. Under the Craftsmen Training Scheme of Ministry of Labour & Employment, vocational training is being provided through a new work of 5114 Industrial Training Institutes/ Industrial Training Centres (ITIs/ITCs) with an intake capacity of 7.73 lakhs.

(c) The Planning Commission has constituted a Task Force on Skill Development for reforming the current system. The upgradation of the ITIs

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

are being done under various programmes of Directorate General Employment & Training, under Ministry of Labour.

Physical infrastructure and teaching segment for SSA

2907. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:
SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the envisaged physical infrastructure and teaching-segment have been created for the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) till upper primary level;

(b) if so, whether the tagets fixed during Tenth Plan period have been achieved; and

(c) whether the annual cost of Rs. 11,000 crores on SSA has been fully utilized?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) As per Tenth Plan Working Group on Elementary Education of the Planning Commission, 10.66 lakh classrooms and an equal number of teachers were to be provided during the Tenth Plan period for the elementary education sector. Under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) 11.17 lakh classrooms and 10.12 lakh teacher have been sanctioned till 31.03.07.

(c) Against the Budget Estimates of Rs. 11,000.00 crores for SSA in the Union Budget 2006-07 an expenditure of Rs. 10852.20 Crore which is 98.66% was incurred.

Requirement of Universities to increase enrolment

2908. DR. ABHISHEK MANU SINGHVI:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that India needs nearly 1,500